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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC'S VISIT TO BELGIUM

REF: BRUSSELS 9112 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. MINIC VISITED BELGIUM NOV 21-23. VISIT PASSED  
WITHOUT INCIDENT OR MUCH PUBLIC INTEREST, AND BOTH SIDES  
APPEAR SATISFIED BY DISCUSSIONS. REFTEL GAVE SUMMARY OF  
TOPICS RAISED ON NOV 21. THIS TEL REPORTS TOPICS DISCUSSED  
SECOND DAY OF TALKS COVERING: (A) ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES;  
(B) CYPRUS; (C) YUGOSLAV-BELGIAN ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

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1. ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES. YUGOSLAVS SEE ARABS EVOLVING TOWARD MORE MODERATE AND RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS, WITH EXCEPTION OF LIBYANS, IRAQIS AND SOME PALESTINIANS. SINCE RABAT SUMMIT, YASSER ARAFAT IS SHOWING SIGNS OF ACTING MORE RESPONSIBLY, INCLUDING IN TERRORISM QUESTION. (YUGOSLAVS TO SURPRISE OF BELGIANS APPEARED TO BELIEVE THAT BEITH SHEAN INCIDENT WAS ISRAELI-PROVOKED). SAID NEED ON BOTH SIDES WAS TO CURTAIL CYCLE OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE. YUGOSLAVS FEAR PREEMPTIVE ISRAELI ATTACK AND POSSIBLE OIL-SPOT EFFECT THAT FIFTH ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT MIGHT

HAVE. SYRIA IS EVOLVING WELL TOWARD MORE REASONABLE STANCE AND YUGOSLAVS NOTED THEY HAD CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE WITH ASAD. ASAD SAID NOW

TO ACCEPT IDEA OF CREATION OF PALESTINIAN STATE OUT OF GAZA STRIP AND WEST BANK. YUGOSLAVS SAID THAT ISRAEL WAS WRONG IN (A) BASING ITS SECURITY SOLELY ON BASIS OF MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER ARABS AND (B) IN TRYING TO DIVIDE ARABS BY OFFERING TO NEGOTIATE ONLY WITH CERTAIN ARAB SPOKESMEN, PLO EXCLUDED. SINCE RABAT SUMMIT, ARABS CANNOT BE PLAYED OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER. YUGOSLAVS THOUGHT GENEVA TALKS SHOULD BE CONTINUED, POSSIBLY WITH (UNSPECIFIED) AUGMENTED PARTICIPATION. THEY SAW NO USEFULNESS IN MULTIPLYING FORA FOR DISCUSSIONS. YUGOSLAVS ALSO STRESSED THAT ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO US AND USSR ALONE AND THAT BOTH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NON-ALIGNED STATES COULD AND SHOULD DO MORE. THEY NOTED THAT NON-ALIGNED STATES WOULD DISCUSS ISSUE AT JANUARY MEETING IN HAVANA. BELGIAN IMPRESSION AT END OF SECOND DAY OF TALKS WAS THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS NOT COMPLETELY ANTI-ISRAEL AND THAT YUGOSLAVS DID BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD BE ASSURED SECURE EXISTENCE WITHIN ITS PRE 1967 WAR FRONTIERS.

2. CYPRUS. YUGOSLAVS DO NOT SEE SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM OTHER THAN THAT WHICH MAY BE WORKED OUT BY CYPRIOT GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES THEMSELVES. THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS ITSELF IS "DISASTROUS" AND THE GENEVA TALKS ARE EVIDENTLY NOT WORKING. GREECE IS READY TO TREAT MATTER SERIOUSLY, BUT LACK OF GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY IS MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK AT PRESENT. MAKARIOS HIMSELF HAS LEARNED BY HIS RECENT EXPERIENCES AND IS READY TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL SOLUTION BASED ON COMMUNITIES. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL HAS NO CHANCE AND THE SOVIETS HAVE LOST INTEREST IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION AS THEIR ATTEMPT TO MEDDLE AND INJECT THEMSELVES INTO THE DISPUTE

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HAS NOT BOREN FRUIT. YUGOSLAVS DID NOT RAISE THEIR EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT NATO WAS BEHIND THE COUP. YUGOSLAVIA'S ONLY INTEREST IN A SOLUTION IS THAT CYPRUS REMAIN INDEPENDENT, ONE SOVEREIGN ENTITY AND NEUTRALIST.

3. YUGOSLAVIA'S RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. YUGOSLAVIA EVIDENTLY CONCERNED BY ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, SOME OF WHICH SHELTER TO YUGOSLAV EMIGRE GROUPS. THEY TOLD BELGIANS THAT RELATIONS

WITH ITALY WERE GOOD AND THEY WERE HAPPY WITH THE FORMATION OF THE MORO GOVERNMENT (DESPITE THEIR EARLIER COMPLAINTS OVER ALLEGED ITALIAN AND NATO PLANNING FOR POST-TITO CONTINGANCIES, REPORTED REFTEL). YUGOSLAVS SAID THAT AUSTRIANS WERE NOT FULLY APPLYING EARLIER ACCORD, ON CONTROL OF SERB AND CROAT EMIGRES, WHICH BOTHERED THEM. YUGOSLAVS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE AT BULGARIA OVER ALLEGED BULGARIAN INTEREST IN YUGOSLAV MACEDONIA AND AND TOLD BELGIANS THAT YUGOSLAVS, WHOSE MEMORIES ARE LONG, REMEMBERED BULGARIAN WWII "LIBERATION" OF PARTS OF YUGOSLAVIA AS NOT "LIBERATION" BUT RATHER A HARSH OCCUPATION.

4. BILATERAL ISSUE. ONLY BILATERAL ISSUE RAISED WAS BELGIAN AND EC-9 BAN ON IMPORTS ON OF YUGOSLAV BABY BEEF WHICH HAD BEEN DUE TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 1 BUT WAS EXTENDED. YUGOSLAVS SAID BAN HAD ALREADY COST THEM OVER \$1 MILLION AND THAT EXTENSION OF BAN WAS ADVERSELY AFFECTING THEIR FUTURE PLANNING. BELGIANS NOTED YUGOSLAV POSITION.

5. CONCLUSION. BELGIANS WERE PLEASED WITH VISIT AND FOUND YUGOSLAVS GENERALLY OPEN AND FLEXIBLE. THEY WERE RELIEVED THAT VISIT WENT OFF WITHOUT INCIDENT. (ONLY LOCAL PROTEST WAS UUNPUBLISHED OPEN LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER OPPOSING VISIT BY EUROPEAN SECRETARY OF SERBIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, MIODRAG BOSKOVIC.) BELGIANS DETECTED SOME TRACES OF WHAT THEY LABEL "ENCIRCLEMENT MENTALITY" ON THE PART OF THE YUGOSLAVS AND ASSIGN THAT TO YUGOSLAV FEARS FOR IMMEDIATE POST-TITO PERIOD. FIRESTONE

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